Ferrie File

November 27, 1968

Dr. James B. Rhoads
A Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

In the past I have protested that certain of the files of the Warren Commission have been withheld improperly, in violation of law and regulation. In every case, the National Archives has rejected or ignored these claims. To the best of my recollection, my protest that, with his death, the slight excuse that might have existed for the suppression (for this, in actual fact, is what much of the withholding amounts to) of those files relating to the late David William Ferrie no longer existed has been ignored.

I herewith renew my request with respect to one of these Ferrie documents, CD75:301. Before agreeing with your subordinates, I encourage you to read this document yourself. It cannot properly be withheld under any of the guidelines. Thereafter, I hope you will see fit to read the entire Ferrie file. Such documents can not longer be suppressed merely on whim or in the belief that proper access to them will embarrass the government - or on raw power alone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg